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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2009-22a30

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Sahale Snacks Inc. Voluntarily Initiates a Nationwide and Limited International Recall of Ksar Pistachio Nut Blend and Marrakesh Pistachio Nut Blend Because of Possible Health Risk

Sahale Snacks, Inc. of Seattle, Washington is voluntarily recalling 2 oz Ksar Pistachios Nut Blend, 5 oz Ksar Pistachios Nut Blend and 4 oz Harry & David Marrakesh Pistachios Nut Blend, because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The products were manufactured using pistachios recalled by Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. because they may be contaminated with *Salmonella*. *Salmonella* is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Products were distributed nationwide as well as to Canada, Panama, The Philippines, and the Dominican Republic. Products were sold through retail stores and on-line retailers via the internet. The Marrakesh Pistachios Nut Blends are packaged by Sahale Snacks and sold in Harry & David stores nationwide.

The Ksar Pistachios Nut Blends are packaged in 2.0 oz and 5.0 oz green plastic heat-sealed bags and labeled as "SAHALE SNACKS NUT BLEND KSAR PISTACHIOS WITH SESAME SEEDS, PEPITAS, FIG + MOROCCAN HARISSA".

The Marrakesh Pistachios Nut Blend is packaged in a 4.0oz red plastic heat-sealed bags and labeled as "SAHALE SNACKS HARRY & DAVID EXCLUSIVE NUT BLEND MARRAKESH PISTACHIOS WITH POMEGRANATE, SEA SALT + MARASH PEPPER."

Recalled Ksar Pistachio products distributed in the United States are coded as follows:

Description	Ksar Pistachios with Sesame Seeds, Pepitas, Fig + Moroccan Harissa
Item UPC	8-93869-00001-0
Case UPC	8-93869-00011-9
Size	2 oz.
Lot Code	Best By 10/16/2009
	Best By 10/30/2009

Description	Ksar Pistachios with Sesame Seeds, Pepitas, Fig + Moroccan Harissa
	Best By 11/20/2009
	Best By 11/27/2009
	Best By 12/25/2009

Description	Ksar Pistachios with Sesame Seeds, Pepitas, Fig + Moroccan Harissa
Item UPC	8-93869-00501-5
Case UPC	8-93869-00511-4
Size	5 oz.
Lot Code	Best By 10/16/2009
	Best By 10/30/2009
	Best By 11/20/2009
	Best By 11/27/2009
	Best By 12/25/2009

Recalled Ksar Pistachio products distributed in Canada are coded as follows:

Description	Ksar Pistachios/Pistaches with Sesame Seeds, Pepitas, Fig + Moroccan Harissa. Avec Graines De Sesame, Graines De Citrouille, Figue + Harissa Marocain
Item UPC	8-93869-00541-1
Case UPC	8-93869-00551-0
Size	5 oz.
Lot Code	Best By/Meilleur Avant 09 OC 16 (time of pack) 3
	Best By/Meilleur Avant 09 OC 30 (time of pack) 2
	Best By/Meilleur Avant 09 NO 20 (time of pack) 2
	Best By/Meilleur Avant 09 NO 27 (time of pack) 5
	Best By/Meilleur Avant 09 DE 25 (time of pack) 1

Recalled Marrakesh Pistachio products distributed in Harry & David stores are coded as follows:

Description	Marrakesh Pistachios with Pomegranate, Sea Salt + Marash Pepper
Item UPC	8-93869-00587-9
Case UPC	
Size	4 oz.
Lot Code	Best By 11/13/09 (time of pack) 3 Lot Code 042 9
	Best By 11/27/09 (time of pack) 1 Lot Code 054 9
	Best By 12/25/09 (time of pack) 2 Lot Code 083 9

There have been no cases of *Salmonellosis* or illnesses reported to date in connection with these products and the company is issuing this recall strictly as a precaution. The recall was initiated after Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc. expanded their recall of pistachio products on April 6, 2009. Sahale Snacks Inc. has informed the FDA of its actions and is fully cooperating with the Agency.

Consumers who have purchased the affected 2 oz Ksar Pistachio Nut Blend, 5 oz Ksar Pistachio Nut Blend and 4 oz Marrakesh Nut Blend are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 206-518-5878, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM through 5:00 PM (PDT) or recall@sahalesnacks.com